

# Heritage Lottery Fund statement on conflict of interest

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Carole Souter, Chief Executive of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said: "Trustees and Committee Members who declare a conflict of interest take no part in the decision-making process on that particular project and are asked to leave the room when relevant discussions and decisions are taking place."

"HLF takes its decision-making responsibilities very seriously to deliver the best outcome for the heritage and for the lottery playing public. All projects are asked to fulfil our criteria and are judged on how they to do so in competition with other projects. Only the very best projects which demonstrate value for money and fulfil our criteria are awarded a grant. Unsuccessful applicants are informed in writing why a decision has been reached."

## Notes to editors

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported 33,900 projects, allocating £4.4billion across the UK.

## Further information

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